(b) and (c) Since inception, projects amounting to Rs. 1829.40 crore for 1764 road works having 10158.82 km road length has been approved out of which 606 road works and 3826.13 km of road length has been completed. Till date, out of Rs. 622.71 crore released for the programme an expenditure of Rs. 485.18 crore has been incurred. 166 projects of Phase II & III are yet to be completed. The State has so far utilized only 78% of the funds released to them. Steps have been taken to improve the pace of implementation of the programme by training the field staff, by providing interest free advance to the contractors for procurement of required plants and machinery and by modifying the conditions prescribed in the Standard Bidding Document for augmenting the contracting capacity.

(d) and (e) Under Bharat Nirman, the goal is to provide connectivity to all habitations with a population of 1000 and above (500 in the case of hilly or tribal areas) and in accordance with the Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List (CNCPL). The Jalwari, Maghara and Jangala-Gamna roads are having habitations which are less than 500. Construction of these roads would, therefore, be taken up after covering the habitations targeted under Bharat Nirman provided the private land coming in the alignment of these roads is handed over to the department by the beneficiaries of the road.

Roads under PMGSY in Bihar

†1015. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to Bihar during the last year under the programme to connect all the villages having population of more than one thousand, with mettalled roads as required in PMGSY;

(b) whether the said amount is sufficient to achieve the desired targets;

(c) by when the target of connecting all the villages with population of over one thousand will be met, and the district-wise programme prepared for the same; and

(d) the amount provided under this head and the roads selected, district-wise?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Allocation to Bihar under "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)" was Rs. 332 crore during 2005-06.

(b) In addition to the annual allocation, depending upon the proposals received from the State Government and performance in achieving the targets fixed for earlier phases of the scheme, funds over and above the normative annual allocation are released to the State Government.

(c) The target of connecting all the villages with population of over one thousand under 'Bharat Nirman' is by the end of the year 2009. The State Government has been advised to prepare and submit the project proposals by June, 2007 to achieve the targets under 'Bharat Nirman'.

(d) So far, Rs. 1049.77 crore has been released for roadworks under PMGSY in Bihar. Rural roads under PMGSY are constructed by the State Government/Nominated Executing Agencies and details of roads being constructed are to be made available by them on the website www.pmgsyonline.nic.in.

Textile Parks in M.P.

†1016. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme for setting up of textile parks for increasing textile production;

(b) if so, the total number of such parks that would be set up; and

(c) whether it is proposed to set up such a park in Madhya Pradesh also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP).

(b) The target during the Tenth Five Year Plan is 30 Textile Parks.

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